

House Bill 334

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 associate juvenile court judges, appointment and compensation, qualifications, conduct of  
3 hearings, and rehearing, so as to change certain provisions regarding hearings in certain  
4 cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-11-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to associate  
8 juvenile court judges, appointment and compensation, qualifications, conduct of hearings,  
9 and rehearing, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

10 "(c) ~~The judge may direct that hearings in~~ In any case or class of cases involving alleged  
11 delinquent, unruly, or deprived children, the judge shall determine whether such case shall  
12 be conducted ~~in the first instance~~ by the judge or by the associate juvenile court judge in  
13 the manner provided by this article. ~~If a party so requests, the hearing shall be conducted~~  
14 ~~by the judge except for detention hearings or probable cause hearings, which shall be~~  
15 ~~conducted by the associate juvenile court judge if directed to do so by the judge."~~

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.